

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE STEVEN BONILLA,

Nos. C 11-2808 CW (PR)  
C 11-2823 CW (PR)  
C 11-2824 CW (PR)

Plaintiff.

ORDER OF DISMISSAL;  
TERMINATING ALL PENDING  
MOTIONS

Plaintiff Steven Bonilla has been sentenced to death by the Superior Court of California for the County of Alameda. He is incarcerated at San Quentin State Prison. Although his State habeas case currently is being litigated, he filed a request for appointment of counsel for his future federal habeas litigation in this Court. See Bonilla v. Ayers, No. C 08-0471 CW (PR). Pursuant to Habeas Local Rule 2254-25, this Court granted his request for appointment of counsel and referred the matter to the Northern District's Selection Board for the recommendation of qualified counsel to represent Plaintiff in his federal habeas proceedings. Additionally, pursuant to Habeas Local Rule 2254-24(a), the Court granted Plaintiff's concurrent request for a stay of execution.

(Docket no. 3.)

Although Plaintiff's State habeas case is pending, Plaintiff has filed numerous pro se requests and motions in C 08-0471. All of the requests and motions have been denied by this Court or withdrawn by Plaintiff. In particular, on February 16, 2011, the Court issued an Order telling Plaintiff that no further filings regarding CR 88-259 MISC AJZ (Grand Jury proceedings) would be accepted by this Court. (Docket no. 34.) Additionally, the Court

1 dismissed with prejudice In re: Steven Wayne Bonilla, No. C 11-0441  
2 CW (PR), a pro se complaint filed by Plaintiff regarding CR 88-259  
3 MISC AJZ. (Id.) On March 29, 2011, the Court denied several more  
4 pro se motions filed by Plaintiff in C 08-0471. In doing so, the  
5 Court wrote:

6 As this Court has stated multiple times, Petitioner's  
7 state habeas case is still pending in the state court.  
8 The Court reiterates to Petitioner that challenges to his  
9 state trial conviction must be reviewed by the state  
10 courts before being considered by the federal court.  
11 Until that time, Petitioner's various claims in his pro  
12 se pleadings are not ripe for this Court to consider.

13 (Docket no. 54 at 2:16-22.)

14 Most recently, Plaintiff filed thirteen pro se civil rights  
15 actions under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On June 13, 2011, the Court issued  
16 an Order dismissing all of said actions for the reason none of the  
17 allegations in Plaintiff's complaints stated a claim for relief  
18 under § 1983. After explaining to Plaintiff that challenges to the  
19 lawfulness of confinement or its duration can be addressed only by  
20 way of habeas corpus, the Court concluded as follows:

21 Here, in an apparent attempt to circumvent this Court's  
22 prior admonition to Plaintiff that no further filings  
23 regarding CR 88-259 MISC AJZ would be accepted by the  
24 Court and that additional unripe pro se motions in C 08-  
25 0471 would be denied, Plaintiff has filed the instant  
26 civil rights complaints in which he seeks access to  
27 certain discovery, witness testimony, declarations and  
28 other information that he claims would render his death  
penalty conviction invalid, including information  
regarding CR 88-259 MISC AJZ. Because all of Plaintiff's  
civil rights complaints seek relief that must be pursued  
by way of habeas corpus, all of the instant civil rights  
actions are hereby DISMISSED without prejudice to  
Plaintiff's bringing his claims in a federal habeas  
petition. See Trimble v. City of Santa Rosa, 49 F.3d  
583, 586 (9th Cir. 1995). Plaintiff is reminded,  
however, that he must heed the Court's prior admonitions  
before filing additional pro se matters in C 08-0471.

Order of Dismissal at 2:28-3:15.

1 Now pending before the Court are three new pro se civil rights  
2 actions filed by Plaintiff. As with Plaintiff's thirteen previous  
3 civil rights actions, these actions seek access to information that  
4 would render Plaintiff's death penalty conviction invalid.  
5 Accordingly, the actions are hereby DISMISSED without prejudice to  
6 Plaintiff's bringing his claims in a federal habeas petition. See  
7 Trimble v. City of Santa Rosa, 49 F.3d 583, 586 (9th Cir. 1995).

8 Additionally, because the Court has determined that none of  
9 the instant civil rights complaints can proceed as a civil rights  
10 action but, instead, must be dismissed, the Clerk of the Court is  
11 hereby DIRECTED to terminate, in each action, Plaintiff's pending  
12 motion to proceed in forma pauperis. No filing fee is due.

13 The Clerk of the Court shall enter judgment in each of the  
14 above civil rights actions, terminate all pending motions therein,  
15 and close the files. The Clerk of the Court also shall file a copy  
16 of this Order in C 08-0471.

17 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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19 Dated: 6/16/2011



CLAUDIA WILKEN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

STEVEN W BONILLA,

Plaintiff,

v.

QUINTIN L SMITH et al,

Defendant.

Case Number: CV11-02808 CW(PR)  
CV11-2823 CW (PR)  
CV11-2824 CW (PR)

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

That on June 16, 2011, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

Steven Wayne Bonilla J-48500  
San Quentin State Prison  
San Quentin, CA 94964

Dated: June 16, 2011

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk  
By: Nikki Riley, Deputy Clerk

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